

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 remain in the application. Claims 1-3, 13 and 20 have been amended. Claims 21-23 have been added.

Applicant believes the claim amendments do not add new matter. Displaying actual images from a casino or representations of an actual casino are described with at least to respect to paragraphs 48-51 and 78-79. Scaling is described with respect to paragraph 58.

In-Person Interview

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his time during the in-person interview of July 27, 2004. Howington, Tufte and SCADA reference were discussed and graphical representation of physical components in the present invention were discussed.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1-10, 12-17 and 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Howington in view of SCADA Technology in further view of Tufte. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

In the present invention, as recited in claim 1 first instance, elements representing components of a gaming system are displayed in a window of a graphical user interface where "a least a portion of said elements are displayed in positions relative to one another by scaling from actual positions of said components of said gaming system relative to one another in an actual casino which said elements represent and wherein at least the portion of said elements are displayed in sizes relative to one another by scaling from actual sizes of said components of said gaming system relative to one another in an actual casino which said elements represent. Examiner in the office action admits that Howington does not disclose that the elements are displayed in positions relative to one another corresponding to relative positions of the components of the gaming system in the physical environment that the elements represent. In addition, Howington does not disclose, as recited in the pending claims, "wherein at least the portion of said elements are displayed in sizes relative to one another by scaling from actual sizes of said components of said gaming system relative to one another in an actual casino which said elements represent." These elements, as described in the claims, are at least components of the gaming system.

SCADA or Tufte does not disclose or describe gaming systems in any manner. SCADA is for modeling systems that move fluids/materials, such as oil, waste water and food from one component to the next in a factory setting. The symbols used in SCADA are used to represent physical components of a factory. SCADA does not disclose that the relative position of or sizes of symbols are scaled from the actual positions and sizes in the components in the factory. From

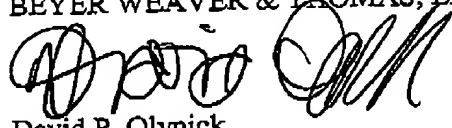
the pictures provided in SCADA, it does not appear that relative position and size information scaled from the actual factory is provided. It appears in FIG. 1 that generic symbols are used to represent similar components. Tufte does not teach or suggest methods of displaying information in a gaming system and in particular component information scaled from an actual casino. Hence, the combination of Howington, SCADA and Tufte can't be said to anticipate or render obvious claims 1-10, 12-17 and 19-20.

The Examiner rejected claims 11 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Howington in view of SCADA Technology in further view of Tufte and in further view of Soltys. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner relies on Soltys for teachings in regards to security measures and surveillance cameras. These teachings do not overcome the deficiencies in Howington, SCADA and Tufte described above. Therefore, for at least these reasons, the combination of Howington, SCADA, Tufte and Soltys or Howington and Soltys can't be said to render obvious claims 11 and 18 and the rejection is believed overcome thereby.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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